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CASES ON THE LAW OF PARTNERSHIP. Including Limited Partnerships, Selected from Decisions of English and American Courts. By Eugene Allen Gilmore, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin. American Case Book Series. James Brown Scott, General Editor. St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1908, pp. xvi, 638.

This is one of the first issues of the new series of case books planned on a most comprehensive scale by the well-known firm of law book publishers, whose imprint it bears. The series is confessedly not based upon a new plan, but is put forward with the hope of remedying some of the defects of the standard case books.

The chief criticisms upon our present case books are: First, they "not only devote too little attention relatively to the inculcation of knowledge, but they sacrifice unnecessarily knowledge to training," and; second, they make the economic mistake of asking a student to pay for twelve hundred pages of text when he can use only six hundred in the ordinary two hour course in which most subjects are presented by the law schools. The new series of case books attempts to correct both these shortcomings by presenting so far as is possible only leading cases, by condensing statements of facts when necessary, by using only such cases as develop or establish essential principles, omitting unnecessary dicta and giving short extracts of cases bearing on particular points. The editor has attempted, however, to give enough cases under each topic to show the development of the law in that field.

Inasmuch as the present volume, as well as the series as a whole, is put forward with the idea of improvements in what may be called the pedagogics of the subject, it seems rather idle to offer any criticisms of the books prior to a careful test of them in class. The volume on Partnership seems to give an excellent selection of cases and the name of the editor guarantees that the selection has been carefully made and wisely arranged, but only practical use of the book in the class room can determine whether this collection will be an improvement over the older one. It has been the experience of teachers using the standard series of case books that the apparent defects of a single volume of the series in not presenting all the necessary principles of the subject, are corrected in the correlative volumes of the series, so that a final judgment on the work of the editors of the present series will have to be deferred until the volumes on correlated subjects are before us.

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CASES ON DAMAGES. Selected from Decisions of English and American Courts. By Floyd R. Mechem, A.M., Professor of Law in the University of Chicago, and Barry Gilbert, A.B., LL.B., Professor of Law in the University of Illinois. American Case Book Series. James Brown Scott, General Editor. St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1909, pp. xxiii, 626.

This is a revision of the third edition of the "Cases on Damages," published by the senior editor some years since. The revision, which is in the main the work of the junior editor, has been made along the lines laid down for the series in general. About one hundred and fifty of the cases of the old book have been published in the new and a somewhat greater number of